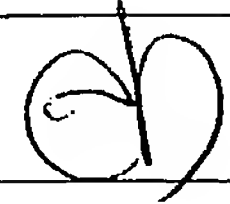


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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on December 18, 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 7-20, now renumbered claims 1-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In claim 2, in line 2 "may be" has been replaced with ~~is~~—and in line 3 "adapted to be" has been deleted and "can also be" has been replaced with ~~optionally~~—.

In claim 4, in line 3 "with the diluting solution" has been deleted.

In claim 5, in line 2 "dissolved" has been deleted.

In claim 10, in line 3 "may be" has been replaced with ~~are~~—, in line 4 "whereby the cassette can be put to" has been replaced with ~~having means for putting the cassette~~—and in line 5 "further having" has been replaced with ~~said means comprising~~—.

In claim 11, in line 4 "may be" has been replaced with ~~is~~—and in line 5 "this" has been replaced with ~~the~~—.

In claim 12, in line 2 "can" has been replaced with ~~is adapted to~~—.

In the Specification; on page 1 –Background of the Invention—has been inserted immediately below the Insert made in the Preliminary Amendment made 11/30/01, on page 2 –Summary of the Invention—has been inserted between lines 3 and 4, on page 4 –Brief Description of the Drawings—has been inserted between lines 20 and 21 and on page 5 –Detailed Description of the Invention—has been inserted above the first line.

In line 6 of the body of the Abstract --The device includes a centrifuge machine containing one or more suspended product bags that can be oscillated forwards and backwards in an incomplete pendulum swing by operation of a motor mounted in a lid of the machine. The product bag(s) are connected to a ring bag for subsequent processing and to a bag containing diluting solution by a multi-way connector.—has been inserted after “centrifuging.”

Authorization for this examiner’s amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Merkling on February 2, 2004.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Drodge at telephone number 571-272-1140. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Wanda Walker, can be reached at 571-272-1151. The fax phone number for the examining group where this application is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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February 6, 2004


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